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Inspection Report

Minerals Regulatory Program

October 22, 2007

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Mine Name: Smoke Joe Mine
Operator Name: Interstate Brick Co.

Permit number: M/049/002
Inspection Date: October 16, 2007
Time: 12:45 pm

Inspector(s): Lynn Kunzler, DOGM
Other Participants: None
Mine Status: Inactive.

Elements of Inspection

1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control
4. Deleterious Material
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)
6. Concurrent Reclamation
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls,
8. Soils
9. Revegetation

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Purpose of Inspection:

Routine inspection while in the area..

Inspection Summary:

The operator has recently provided a surety bond for \$62,400 for reclamation of this site. Previously, they were bonded under a Board Contract. However, the BLM can no longer accept self-bonding, the operator has provided the first step by providing the hard surety. The operator now needs to petition the Board for release of the Board Contract.

There has been no apparent mining activity at this site since my last inspection. Like several other of the clay mines, recreation users have been using the area for ATV and target shooting, and have not cleaned up after themselves.

There were no signs of erosion or other compliance problems.

Photos were taken to document site conditions.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The Operator needs to petition the Board for release of the Board Contract. Continue to monitor this site when in the area.

Inspector's Signature LK

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